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SUBJECT: KAPUTIN LOSES JUSTICE PORTFOLIO

1. PRESS REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE KAPUTIN REFUSED TO RESIGN WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE. IN A PRESS STATEMENT OF JULY 23, KAPUTIN SAID HE WOULD WANT TO CONFER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE GAZELLE PENINSULA BEFORE MAKING A FURTHER STATEMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A TOLAI AND A MATAUNGAN HE WAS IN A MINORITY GROUP AND HAD BEEN WORKING ON FOREIGN SOIL.

2. SOMARE RETALIATED BY ASSUMING JUSTICE PORTFOLIO HIMSELF AND ANNOUNCING THAT KAPUTIN IS NOW MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. SOMARE ALSO SAID THAT IF KAPUTIN DOES NOT RESIGN AS MINISTER, HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER TO THE MINISTERIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WHICH MEETS ON AUGUST 12. SOMARE CRITICIZED KAPUTIN FOR LACK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS JUSTICE MINISTER STATING THAT IF HE WAS SO COMMITTED TO CONSTITUTIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO FULFILL MINISTERIAL DUTIES ADEQUATELY, HE SHOULD

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CANCEL SOME OF HIS OTHER ACTIVITIES OR RESIGN AS

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